

Dear friends

I am very happy to be present at the Congress of the Social Democratic Party of Denmark and to meet colleagues coming from different countries each and all aspiring for a fairer, freer and more peaceful world.

The success of social democracy and of the democratic socialist workers' movement in Denmark and in the Nordic countries as a whole has been a source of encouragement for the Republican People's Party in Turkey and I regard this success as a ray, of hope in a world darkened with so much misery, inequality and oppression. The Social Democratic and Labour Parties of the Nordic countries have proven that social democracy is not only humane but that it can also be very efficient.

The example of Denmark confirms this. Although they do not enjoy the benefits of rich resources or of a large internal market, the Danish people have been able to build up an efficient and flourishing economy as well as a fair and free society by following the path of social democracy

I congratulate the Danish people and the Social democratic Party of Denmark on this account.

I would also like to take this opportunity to hail the recent electoral victory of the Labour Party of Norway. The Republican People's Party of Turkey is the oldest party in Turkey. It has commemorated its 54th anniversary this month. It is the founder of the Republic and of democracy in Turkey and it has led the way to a modern society.

The Republican People's Party began to draw growing support from the people only after it started defining its democratic leftist or social democratic stand more clearly and coherently during the last decade.

As a result we have now become the largest party in Turkey. This proves that a social democratic or

a democratic leftist political movement can flourish even in a developing society.

I do not believe in postponing social justice and freedom until after a certain level of development is reached. On the contrary, I believe that the process of development can be speeded up and rendered healthier with social justice and freedom. Only thus can a society develop qualitatively as well as quantitatively.

Ere statistical figures of growth do not mean a thing from a humanitarian angle if such figures do not indicate increasing freedom and happiness for every member of a society,

Again, the development of a country does not mean a thing unless the economic, social, political

or educational barriers restricting the free development of the personality of each individual are continuously equitably reduced.

We have reached a stage in the socio-political evolution

of mankind in which the more fortunate and the more advanced can no more ignore the plight, the misery, the poverty of the less fortunate or the less advanced. Because

in the present-day world of mass communications and mass movements, the problems of the poorer or of the less

fortunate do not rest where they are. These problems pour over with the migrating people from the rural areas to the metropolises and from the poorer countries to the richer. The building up of a fairer world, the establishment of a more equitable socio-political system in each country, and throughout the world is therefore

becoming inevitable and unpostponable. The more fortunate can no more afford to be egoistical. There is a pressing

demand all over the world now for a more equitable development as well as more freedom. And this demand I believe# can only be met through social democracy or through the democratic leftist way, as we call it in

Turkey.

We shall succeed for we have to succeed.

I greet you all with feelings of friendship.